

The Rocky Mountain News (Daily), Volume 45, Number 95, April 4, 1904  —
MONTROSE GIRL WON AT ORATORY [ARTICLE]

[◀Back to search
result list](#)

MONTROSE GIRL WON AT ORATORY

Three-Cornered Contest Including Delta and Ouray in Which Elsie Vandegrift Was Awarded the Highest Honors.

Special to The News.

MONTROSE, Colo., April 3.—The oratorical contest between the schools of Ouray, Delta and Montrose took place at the opera house last night. These are yearly events, and attract great interest on the Western slope. The Ouray scholars, their friends and teachers came down on the regular train. Delta came up about 7:30 on a special train, being 135 strong, headed by the Delta brass band. The spacious opera house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The contestants were Miss Nellie Holladay and Miss Ada Smith of Ouray, Miss Alice Stuart and Miss Ethel Baer of Delta, and Miss Elsie Vandegrift and Miss Edith Heath of Montrose. The Miles orchestra, High school quartet, Rev. Mr. Harper and Miss Leo Pelton assisted with music and song. Miss Vandegrift of Montrose captured the first prize with her oration, "Advantages of Difficulties." Each contestant did well, and their efforts were a great credit to themselves and their teachers.